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Select Poetry.

MAUD AND MADGE.

BY NORA PERRY.

They sat and combed their beautiful hair,
Their long bright tresses one by one,
As they laughed and talked in the chamber there,
After the revel was done.

Idly they talked of waltz and quadrille,
Idly they laughed like other girls,
Who over the fire when all is still,
Comb out their braids and curls.

Robes of satin and Brussels lace,
Knots of flowers and ribbons, too,
Scattered about in every place—
For the revel is through.

And Maud and Madge in robes of white,
The prettiest night-gowns under the sun,
Stockingless, slipperless, sit in the night,
For the revel is done.

Sit and comb their beautiful hair,
Those wonderful waves of brown and gold,
Till the fire is out in the chamber there,
And the little bare feet are cold.

Then out of the gathering winter chill,
All out of the bitter St. Agnes weather,
While the fire is out and the house is still,
Maud and Madge together.

Maud and Madge in robes of white,
The prettiest night-gowns under the sun,
Curtained away from the chilly night,
After the revel is done.

Float along in a splendid dream,
To a golden gittern's tinkling tune,
While a thousand lustres shimmering, stream
In a palace's grand saloon.

Flashing of jewels and flutter of laces,
Tropical oders sweeter than musk,
Men and women with beautiful faces
And eyes of tropical dusk,

And one face shining out like a star,
One face haunting the dreams of each,
And one voice, sweeter than others are,
Breaking into silvery speech,

Telling through lips of bearded bloom
An old, old story over again,
As down the royal bannered room,
To the golden gittern's strain,

Two and two they dreamily walk,
While an unseen spirit walks beside,
And, all unheard, in the lovers' talk,
He claimeth one for a bride.

Oh Maud and Madge, dream on together,
With never a pang of jealous fear!
For ere the bitterest Agnes weather,
Shall whiten another year,

Robed for the bridal and robed for the tomb,
Braided brown hair and golden tress,
There'll only be one of you left for the bloom
Of the bearded lips to press:

Only one for the bridal pearls,
The robes of satin and Brussels lace;
Only one to blush through her curls
At the sight of a lover's face.

Oh, beautiful Madge, in your bridal white!
For you the revel has just begun;
But for her who sleeps in your arms to-night
The revel of life is done.

But robed and crowned with your saintly bliss,
Queen of heaven and bride of the sun,
Oh beautiful Maud, you'll never miss
The kisses another hath won!

Historical.

The Maid of Saragossa.

This illustrious maiden exposed her life for her king and country at the memorable siege of Saragossa, in 1808. The French General Lefevre had been despatched by Bonaparte, in the June of that year, to reduce Saragossa, where the royal standard of the Bourbons had been unfurled. This city was not fortified. It was surrounded with an ill-constructed wall twelve feet high by three broad, intersected by houses; these houses, the neighboring churches and convents, were in so dilapidated a state that, from the roof to the foundation, were to be seen, in each immense breaches, apertures begun by time and increased by neglect. A large hill, called Il Torero, commanded the town at a distance of a mile, and offered a strong situation for the most destructive bombardment. Among the sixty thousand inhabitants there were but two hundred and twenty regular troops, and the artillery consisted of ten old cannon.

The French began the siege in a rather slothful style; they deemed much exertion unnecessary; Saragossa, they said, was only inhabited by monks and cowards. But their opinion and their efforts were destined to an entire revolution. Very seldom in the annals of war has greater heroism, greater bravery, greater horror and misery been concentrated than during the two months that these desperate patriots repelled their invaders. No sacrifices were too great to be offered, no extremities too oppressive to be endured by the besieged; but, as it often occurs among the noblest bodies of men, that one sordid soul may be found open to the far-reaching hand of corruption, such a wretch happened to be entrusted with a powder magazine at Saragossa. Under the influence of French gold, he fired the magazine on the night of the 2d of June. To describe the horrors that ensued would be impossible.

The French, to whom the noise of the explosion had been a signal, advanced their troops to the gates. The population, shocked, amazed, hardly knowing what had occurred, entirely ignorant of the cause, bewildered by conflagration, ruins, and the noise of the enemy's artillery unexpected thundering in their ears, were paralyzed, powerless; the overflow, the slaughter of those who stood at the ramparts, seemed more like a massacre than a battle; in a short time the trenches presented nothing but a heap of dead bodies. There was no longer a combatant to be seen; nobody felt the courage to stand to the defense.

At this desperate moment an unknown maiden issued from the Church of Nostra Donna del Prilas, habited in white raiment a cross suspended from her neck, her dark hair dishevelled, and her eyes sparkling with supernatural lustre. She traversed the city with a firm and bold step; she passed to the ramparts, to the very spot where the enemy was pouring on to the assault; she mounted to the breach, seized a lighted match from the hand of a dying engineer, and fired the pieces of artillery he had failed to manage; then kissing her cross, she cried, with the accent of inspiration, "Death or victory!" and reloaded her cannon.

Such a cry, such a vision could not fail of calling up enthusiasm; it seemed that heaven had brought aid to the just cause; her cry was answered, "Long live Agostina!"

"Forward, forward, we will conquer!" resounded on every side. Nerved by such emotions, the force of every man was doubled, and the French were repulsed on all sides.

Gen. Lefevre, mortified at the unexpected result, determined to reduce the place by famine, as well as to distress it by bombardment from Il Torero. The horrors that followed his measures would be too painful to detail, but they afforded Agostina an opportunity of displaying her intrepidity. She threw herself in the most perilous positions to rescue the unhappy beings wounded by the bombs or by the falling timbers. She went from house to house, visiting the wounded, binding up their hurts, or supplying aid to the sick and starving. The French, by their indomitable perseverance, from step to step, rendered themselves masters of nearly half the city. Lefevre thought his hour of triumph had now certainly arrived—he sent to the commandant, General Palafox, to demand a capitulation. Palafox turned to Agostina who stood near him, completely armed:

"What shall I answer?"

The girl indignantly replied:

"War to the knife!"

Her exclamation was echoed by the populace, and Palafox made her words his reply to Lefevre.

Nothing in the history of the war has ever been recorded to resemble the consequence of this refusal to capitulate. One row of houses in a street would be occupied by the Spanish, the opposite by the French. A continual tempest of balls passed through the air; the town was a volcano; the most revolting slaughter was carried on for eleven days and eleven nights. Every street, every house, was disputed with musket and poignard. Agostina ran from rank to rank, everywhere taking the most active part. The French were gradually driven back, and the dawn of the 17th of August saw them relinquish the long-disputed prey, and take the road to Pampeluna. The triumph of the patriots—their joy was unspeakable. Palafox rendered due honorors to the brave men who had perished, and endeavored to remunerate the few intrepid warriors who survived—among them was Agostina. But what could be offered to commensurate with the services of one who had saved the city? Palafox told her to select what honors she pleased. She modestly begged to retain the rank of engineer, and to wear the arms of Saragossa. The rest of her life was passed in honorable poverty until she died, in 1826.

"By all her country's wishes blest."

The Japanese language presents some difficulties to the learner. A Baptist missionary began work on a translation of the Bible into Japanese. He had not a firm grasp on the fine shades of meaning of Japanese words. For the Greek word meaning to baptise, he selected a Japense word which meant, literally, "to soak." A well-known passage read thus: "In those days came John, the soaker, peaching and soaking in the desert," etc. It was found necessary to revise the translation. For a blasphemous man the language of the Japanese has no resources. You may invoke the names of pagon gods, but you can't construct an oath on genuine American principles.

The Bishop of Manchester was present recently at a young ladies' school, and a class in Latin were up for examination, pouring forth a list of Latin words, with the English translation. They came to the word "*vicissim*," and, this being one of the schools that have adopted the new pronounciation, they said promptly, "We-kiss-im, we-kiss-im—*by turns*." "Oh, do you?" said the Bishop, "then I don't wonder at your adopting the new pronounciation."

An Irish peasant being asked why he permitted his pig to take up its quarters with his family, made an answer abounding with satirical *naivete:* "Why not? Doesn't the place afford every convanience that a pig can require?"

Mary Anderson says she is now only at the foot of the ladder and means to climb. All right Mary; elevate yourself, and by the eternal we will hold the ladder.—*Vicksburg Commercial.*

LOVE IN LACONICS.

He. Love you! Have me dear.
She. Humph! How much a year!
He. Three hundred! Expectations!
She. Tales of hope! Relations!
He. Aunt. Ten thousand pounds.
Eighty. Always found her
Liberal. Thinks me Chrichton.
Seedy now at Brighton,
Made he will—right 'un!
She Ah! *Aunt* icipations—
Like *x* in equitations—
Unknown quantity?
Questions! Let me see,
Love† "hem" †*x*
(Latter for expects)
Equals me† You!
Hardly think 'twill do!
Do you wish to vex,
But first find our *x*.
He. If I prove *x* ample—
She. I'll no longer trample
On your hopes.
He. Agreed!
She. Hope you may succeed!

—*Punch.*

Our Olio

BALTIMORE LETTER.

BALTIMORE, MARCH 4th, 1878.

DEAR TRANSCRIPT:—How numerous, how diversified, and at the same time how eminently discordant and contending are the transitions of a great metropolis. How versatile must needs be the mind; how keen the perception, perfectly, to comprehend the vast changes that are constantly issuing from opposing elements. The same philosophy seems equally to apply to society in a poetical, social, or religious bearing, but upon the latter we will now dwell.

To-day, we behold a formidable assemblage lurking at the street corners, or around the myriads of drinking hells that abound in large cities, or wherever appears to offer the free indulgence to the most degraded promptings of the dark side of man's nature.

To-morrow, some circumstance has occurred (and we are all creatures of circumstances) that has touched that tender cord which vibrates in the vilest heart, when proper influences are brought to bear; and we behold the same erring multitude with uplifted hands, swearing their eternal allegiance to the cause of christian faith. After all, is there not something good to be found in man? even though it be in a latent state, and needs the fire of popular enthusiasm to force it into practical results.

These observations are the effects of our having casually dropped in at the closing services of a Catholic mission, at the church of St. Vincent, on Front St., which takes in its parish some of the most degraded localities in the city. The mission was led by the distinguished prelate and orator, Rev. Father Meguire, with whom many in your vicinity are familiar, having given a mission at Bohemia Church about ten years since. The result of his labors have been forty converts, and four hundred nominals restored to practice. It was, to one, truly edifying to watch the earnestness with which every member of the vast assemblage pledged his undying fidelity to the cause he had espoused. However, this would have been but common-place and unworthy of note, but for the *quality* of the penitents, many of whom we recognized as subjects whom the devil must have mourned to lose.

The Rev. Thos. Harrison, a revivalist of some distinction in the M. E. church, has been holding meetings at a church up town, and crowds have flocked to hear him. He is not to my notion, eloquent, nor possessed of high culture, but the leading virtue conceded to him is, "a certain something that wins;" "a subtle influence that captivates." He is so in earnest in the work he is pursuing, that he has openly professed himself, "not a victim to the tender passions"—since a charming young lady parishioner, pierced by "cupid's fiery shaft," ventured to him a missive portraying her inner emotions. The Rev. gentleman, vastly different from the major part of we fellows, evinced displeasure at the proceeding, and as a retribution therefore, read the feminine protestations aloud to the congregation, with the injunction that the author should leave his presence; who, with more obedience than wisdom, created a sensation by departing hence. Cruel man! thus to cast off, with indifference, what others labor a life-time to gain.

A shrewd tradesman here, a short time since, sought to increase his business by a somewhat unique advertisement, owing to the scarcity and apparent uselessness of the animals so advertised. It read thus: "Groundhogs for sale here." Ones' curiosty was, naturally enough, excited, and the consequence—many calls. You can best judge of the extent of their satisfaction, when they were conveyed to the meat rack and presented with a link of sausage.

Since writing, we have been the victim of an interruption by a call from a disseminator of "Local Option," in quest of our signature to a petition to the legislature. We refused our sanction for the reason that we are not in union with the movement, nor any measure that detracts from the liberty of a community. When mankind has become so enslaved to its gross appetite to require a restraining influence, it does not appear to me that the temporal tribunal of law is the fitting authority to right the existing evil, but should be intrusted to a higher and holier medium of redress: the emulating influence of religion; for is it not

"Better far,
To rule by love than fear."

There is a phrase much in favor with the average Baltimore fop, (noticeable since the "Centennial) which, when he has uttered, fancies he has acquitted himself of all the requirements of Webster and Quackenbos. To "take things in" are the inspired words. They do not attend the opera, visit the parks, or call on friends, but all are "taken in." On Sunday last, after service, we observed a young man issuing from the church, and salute a crowd of out-door worshippers. The usual sallies of pleasantry through, one of the gang inquired: "Are you going to take in Oats this week?" The young man looked confused and angry, at so odd a query, and indignantly demanded if they took him for a horse, or an out-bound vessel in the grain trade. They soon discovered their pet expression had janged, and made amends by inviting him, in becoming language, to witness Mrs. Oates's personation of "Girofle Girofla," at the Academy of Music to-night.

Maggie Mitchell is at Fords' this week. She is a great favorite with her home audiences, and notwithstanding her repartoire, is ever the same, and has been produced and reproduced here so often, all classes still flock to see her because she is Maggie Mitchell.

Mons. Valleau Cartier, peformed the feat here, a short time since, of waltzing twelve hours and a half without intermission, and on Wednesday next proposes to outdo any former effort, by tripping it for thirteen hours.

There has been a famous fair here, at Masonic Temple, whose object was to replenish the Emory Grove Campmeeting fund. The occasion was rendered illustrious by the "high and mighty" presence of his excellency President Hayes and wife, who upon two occasions, held receptions, and had the effect of making it a huge success.

There has been considerable excitement and discussion here for the past week, consequent upon two theatres advertising to produce the same play in consecutive weeks. The play is of French origin, and is by D'ennery, the author of the "Two Orphans." It is entitled "A Celebrated Case" and seems to promise remunerative results. Mr. Ford, who is legally entitled to its production here, by permission of its owners, laid an injunction restraining manager Gilmore, of Hilliday Street theatre from using it. The latter, however, extensively advertised, and persisted in his determination to give it to his patrons. A large audience assembled last evening to witness the play at Gilmore's, but before the hour arrived, a representative appeared before the curtain and announced that in consequence of the injunction the play would not be produced then, but promised it would be given this evening. In future history of Maryland equity, this will no doubt be looked upon as a "celebrated case."

Washington's birth-day was observed here to some extent, but owing to the unfavorable weather many anticipated joys were not realized.

With a "heart bowed down," we are, without hesitation, SHADDIE.

FROZEN TO DEATH ON THEIR WEDDING NIGHT.—The Farmington. Maryland *Times*, of the 15th says: Yesterday John Buttor and Louisa Felty, attended by friends and relatives, were united in the bonds of matrimony at the bride's residence. As customary, a wedding dinner was honored by the numerous guests, and was succeeded by an evening ball, which lasted all night. At morning's dawn, inquiries being made concerning the newly married couple, who had furtively left the ball-room at midnight, they were not on the premises. Where were they? Nobody knew. Then seized with secret apprehensions, the guests instantly set out in every direction in search of the two absentees. Now behold human vicissitudes! After two hours of diligent search, the recently happy two made one, the heroes of merry festivals, the fortunate pair of the previous day, were found in the woods, two miles off from any habitation, lying on the snow in their fine wedding garments, and both frozen to death.

The example set by Mrs. Hicks-Lord may have stimulated Mr Stapleton, of Flatland, Ohio—if there is such a place—who is only ninety-two, to console his declining years with a blushing bride of thirty summers. In this case, however, the relatives of the bridegroom applauded his act unanimously. Instead of suggesting that old Stapleton is a lunatic, they regard his head as remarkably level. Cause why? Mrs. S. has plenty of money, hence the difference is clear. Mrs. S.'s honeymoon is undisturbed by threats of violence, but rolls on in serene blissfulness that is too sweet for anything. Happy Stapleton!

How Matches Are Made.

A match is a small thing. We seldom pause to think, after it has performed its mission, and we have carelessly thrown it away, that it has a history of its own, and that, like some more pretentious things, its journey from the forest to the match-safe is full of changes.

The match of to-day has a story far more interesting than that of the old-fashioned match. As we have said, much of the timber used in the manufacture comes from the immense tracts of forest in the Hudson Bay Territory. It is floated down the water-courses to the lakes, through which it is towed in great log-rafts. These rafts are divided; some parts are pulled through the canals, and some by other means are taken to market. When well through the seasoning process, which occupies from one to two years, the pine is cut up into blocks twice as long as a match, and about eight inches wide by two inches thick. These blocks are passed through a machine which cuts them up into "splints," round or square, of just the thickness of a match, but twice its length. This machine is capable, as we are told, of making about 2,000,000 splints in a day. This number seems immense when compared with the most that could be made in the old way—by hand. The splints are then taken to the "setting" machine, and this rolls them into bundles about eighteen inches in diameter, every splint seperated from its neighbors by little spaces, so that there may be no sticking together after the "dipping." In the operation of "setting," a ribbon of coarse stuff about an inch and a half wide, and an eighth of an inch thick, is rolled up, the splints being laid across the ribbon between each two courses, leaving about a quarter of an inch between adjoining splints. From the "setting" machine the bundles go to the "dipping" room.

After the ends of the splints have been pounded down to make them even, the bundles are dipped—both ends—into the molten sulphur and then into the phosphorus solution, which is spread over a large iron plate. Next they are hung in a frame to dry. When dried they are placed in a machine which, as it unrolls the ribbon, cuts the sticks in two across the middle, thus making two complete matches of each splint.

The match is made. The towering pine which listened to the whisper of the south wind and swayed in the cold northern blast, has been so divided that we can take it bit by bit and lightly twirl it between two fingers. But what it has lost in size it has gained in use. The little flame it carries, and which looks so harmless, flashing into brief existence, has a latent power more terrible than the whirlwind which perhaps sent the tall pine-tree crashing to the ground.

But the story is not yet closed. From the machine which completed the matches they are taken to the "boxers"—mostly girls and women—who place them in little boxes. The speed with which this is done is surprising. With one hand they pick up an empty case and remove the cover, while with the other they seize just a sufficient number of matches, and by a peculiar shuffling motion arrange them evenly, then—'tis done!

The little packages of sleeping fire are taken to another room, where on each one is placed a stamp certifying the payment to the government of one cent revenue tax. Equipped with these passes the boxes are placed in larger ones, and these again in wooden cases, which are to be shipped to all parts of the country, and over seas.

All this trouble over such little things as matches! Yet on these fire-tipped bits of wood millions of people depend for warmth, cooked food and light. They have become a necessity, and the day of flint, steel and tinder seems almost as far away in the past as are the bow and fire-stick of the Indian.

How apt to our subject is that almost worn-out Latin prase, "*multum in parvo*,"—much in little! Much labor, much skill, and much usefulness, all in a little piece of wood scarcely one-eighth of an inch through and about two inches long!—*F. H. C. St. Nicholas for March.*

Marriages are not plenty enough. The young ladies ought to get up a strike for their altars. The strike for the fires can come in afterward, when the question of building them comes up.

Elihu Burritt's health is improving. Everything was done for him. It is not a good thing to have within hearing a man who can groan in thirty-five languages.

Women are proverbially severe in their criticism of each other's attire. It makes all the difference in the world whose dress is gored.

Don't go to law. If you feel that way, go sit on a bramble bush, or crawl threw a sewer.

From the Gratiot Journal.

Letter From Texas.

Dr. Stiles Kennedy of St. Louis, returned home a few days ago, after a four weeks' trip through Texas. In response to a request for an account of his observations while absent, the Doctor has kindly permitted us to copy a private letter descriptive of his journey, which he had prepared for transmission to his father, a portion of which we give below. The balance will appear next week. As the Doctor is a fine descriptive writer and a close observer, his letter will prove highly interesting. It is as follows:

I have just returned from Texas, after an absence of nearly four weeks. I found many things quite different from what I expected. Organized counties extended back much farther than the maps show, and there are many hundreds of streams of living water, creeks, branches and springs that are not down even on the State maps. On all the maps the "staked plains" in Northwestern Texas figure very conspicuously. It looks like the desert of Sahara on the map, or like the "great American desert" used to look when you were a boy. The great State of Kansas occupies a large share of those fearful old spots now, and men are making fortunes on its fertile soil. The desert plains of Northwestern Texas are just such another myth. Most of the country north of the projected Texas Pacific Railroad, known as the Pan Handle, is represented by competent engineers with whom I talked as being equal in all respects to any part of Texas.

Eastern Texas is well timbered with pine and oak. The soil is sandy but rich—generally much of it with good clay subsoil.

A party of Delawareans are settling on the railroad between Palestine and Houston. They intend, no doubt, to make the country, which is well adapted to fruit culture, blossom like the peach tree.

So far as fertility of soil, access to wood, water and stone is concerned, I could see but little difference in the more important counties west of the wooded region mentioned above. Building timber is brought in from Eastern Texas, and the best qualities bring the following prices in Dallas, Texas or yellow pine rough lumber, viz: studding, joists and inch boards, fencing, etc., $17.50 per M; white pine flooring, $25; ceilng $22; siding $20. Carpenters get $2.50 to $3 per day, and so far as I could tell, had plenty of work. In the best settled and richest counties of Northern and Middle Texas, land is still cheap. Splendid farming land can be bought within 10 miles of such places as Dallas, Ft. Worth and Waco at prices ranging from two to eight dollars per acre. Along the line of all the railroads, thousands upon thousands of acres of land can be had at prices ranging from $1.50 to $4 per acre, and yet thousands of men are foolish enough to drive by them and go "back" in the interior 20 or 40 miles to get land for 50 cents or $1 an acre. They get so far from market that they cannot raise grain, owing to the long haul. They don't know how to raise cotton; they have only money enough to buy a few head of cattle, which is a slow way of starting in the cattle business. There is just one circumstance that keeps all this class of people from "cussing" Texas, and that is a half crop of cotton, which keeps a man's family and always sells for cash. If there is one fault of human nature more prominent than another, I think it is the love man has for undertaking to do that which he knows nothing about. Take a number of green Michigan and Illinois farmers of good intelligence and industry, transport them to Waco, and right off three-fourths of them become crazy to raise cotton. So the probabilty is that they will waste two years learning that which might have been learned by watching their neighbors. They then commence raising grain and make money. I do not believe Texas can raise as much per acre at present as the Northern half of the Lower Peninsula of Michigan; nor as much or as good corn as Missouri and Kentucky; nor as much barley as some other States; but when you add oats and cultivate all these grains, I think Texas takes the lead. The best single wheat crop that I heard of from the owner was 26 bushels per acre. The land, fencing, plowing, sowing and seed wheat costs him $13.50 per acre. The only great advantage is the cheapness of the land. I did not know until I went to Texas, that she was famous for her oat crops; but any farmer will tell you that it is only necessary to sow oats once in order to have several successive yearly crops of from 45 to 75 bushels per acre. Enough oats fall to the ground in cutting to re-seed it. You have only to plow them in, and the next season oats come. No where did I find any scarcity of wood for fire purposes, and in nearly every section there was enough for fence posts, and frequently enough for rails. In some of the counties there is stone enough along creeks to make fences. In Park county I saw four miles of stone fence in one string.

Outside of farming there is probably more money made by grist mills, in proportion to the capital invested, than in any other business. I only saw one mill in Texas that would compare at all with Mr. Holcomb's mill in St. Louis in appearance or in quality or quantity of its work, and yet it was no unusual thing to be shown mills that made 15, 20 and 25 thousand dollars last year. The reason is plain. There is a tremendous emigration into the cotton and sugar-growing and grazing portions of Texas, as well as to the grain-growing portion, so that the State does not raise enough wheat to supply the home demand. Flour is brought in from Kansas and Missouri, and the Texas miller adds freight to his own product, and makes that much more than the miller in Kansas. For the Texas miller, this is a protective tariff to be sure, but just as valuable and much more honest than if ordered by government. Horses of course are cheap, and can be bought at auction in any of the larger towns nearly every day, at prices ranging from ten to sixty dollars. The stock of horses is rapidly improving there. Central and Northern Texas has many well built and flourishing towns—towns which would be a credit to the enterpize of any people. Dallas is the largest of these, and is an old town, though her progress has been within seven years. She has 15,000 population, street cars, gas works, a $100,000 court house, a greenback club and three daily papers. Ft Worth is just now the terminus of the Texas and Pacific R. R., and is doing a big business. The counties immediately around are filling up with a greater number of persons to the square mile than usual, so that when the road goes on the town will still have a permanent support. Her population is about 7 or 8 thousand. Waco is in McLennan county, nearly a hundred miles south of Dallas. It is situated on Brazos river and is the northern terminus of a branch of the Houston and Texas Central R. R.

(To be continued.)

For the Middletown Transcript.

LEAVES FROM AN OLD SAILOR'S DIARY.

On entering the bay of Naples the most astonishing feature is the volcano Vesuvius. It bears E. S. E., as you pass the Laperi Isles, at the entrance of the bay. The city of Naples is situated on the port side (left) of the bay, and at the base of a range of mountains, and is over-topped by a large mountain on which is a large castle and garrison called St. Alma. When we were there Victor Emanuel was king, and lived in that castle, and our ship gave general liberty to the crew. My first object was to visit Castle Alma. The ascent is very steep, and as donkeys could be hired for one carlin (16 cents) we preferred being dragged up—for it was no riding, as our legs dragged, the donkeys being so small; but the ascent was so steep and rocky that the feet of the animal would frequently slip, and they would instantly catch with their teeth the fig trees, which abound on both sides, and recover themselves. When this occurred I would grab the donkey by the ears, which he seemed to heave back for that very purpose. When we arrived at the top it was a magnificent sight to look down on the bay, and our ship seemed a small boat to what she was when we left her. After a good rest—for we were tired holding on to the donkey's ears—we wandered around the outside of the fortifications. The fortress commands the whole city and the bay; but I think they must wad their shot, or they would roll out on the depression of the piece. After wandering about half of the way around we came to an entrance, where there was a large Swiss soldier, placed there as a sentinel, leaning against one of the pillars fast asleep, and it being very grassy our steps did not awaken him, and as we were full of veno (wine) we were fools enough to pass in and view the interior, we soon found a beauful arbor of grapes, with seats all through it. So we sat down to comment on the place, and after sitting some minutes a gentleman in a black suit sauntered up to us and bid us good morning, and as he spoke such good English we immediately commenced questioning him.

"Can we enter the Castle?" we inquired.

"Certainly, sirs. Are you not Americans?" he replied.

"Yes, sir. We belong to the frigate in the bay."

"How did you get admission?"

"We slipped in," we answered.

He laughed, and gave us what looked like a twenty dollar gold piece, and told us which way to go. We presented the check at the first entrance, and told the officer we wished to see those three gold carriages that we had heard about. He showed them, and a great many other curious things, and as we wished to visit the ruins of Herculanium and Pompei, we hauled our wind for Naples and got dragged down.

OLD SALT.

Middletown Transcript

COTT WAY, EDITOR.

CORPORATION MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 9, 1878.

THE war cloud in Europe is rapidly disappearing, and John Bull and the Russian Bear are about to shake hands with many protestations that they were not half so mad as people thought they were.

A NUMBER of Eastern Shore papers are now advocating that "relic of barbarism," the whipping-post, as a good institution for the punishment of petty thieves. A few years ago the newspapers of the whole country rivaled each other in abuse of Delaware on account of the mode of punishing her criminals, but now a great number of them have changed their tune, and freely admit that even for their own States the whipping-post would be a "good institution to have in the house," and that it is the only true way of punishing petty crimes, and that after all, the head of Delaware, so to speak, has been eminently level for retaining this much abused relic of barbarism as a good institution. Verily, the world moves.

WE ARE afraid there is little prospect for the early building of the Elkton and Middletown Railroad. Every week we hear that somebody has subscribed a few shares, and some railroad officials have had a "big talk" over the matter, but this is not making very lively progress toward the commencement of the enterprise. Baltimore seems to be utterly oblivious to the fact that she is losing the greater portion of the Peninsula trade for the want of this little link of twelve miles of railroad, which would cost perhaps less than $150,000 to build. Well, if Baltimore can do without this road, so can the Peninsula, so long as we have Philadelphia only fifty miles away always ready to receive the bountiful products of our soil, while the Monumental City scorns the dollar under her nose and looks longingly toward the setting sun.

THE financial condition of the State of Virginia is certainly deplorable at this time. The State Auditor has reported to the Committee on Finance of the Legislature that there was only $103 in the State Treasury; that payments are being made in coupons at a discount of 30 per cent, that the banks, which were creditors to the amount of $175,000, refused to loan any more, and "the State Government could not be run an hour longer." The committee adopted a report recommending the Legislature to pass a law providing for the collection of license taxes and revenue from Moffett registers in money instead of coupons. How sad to contemplate the present condition of this once great and prosperous Commonwealth, the Old Dominion, famous for the wealth, intelligence, and hospitality of her citizens. Now her people are bankrupt and her treasury empty.

THE Maryland House of Representatives sat down on the Local Option bill, Wednesday last, in such a heavy and unexpected manner that the life was mashed out of it for the present session at least. There is no doubt but the majority of the people in many of the counties of Maryland want this law enacted, and should have it; but the temperance people made a great mistake in opposing all amendments exempting certain counties, and thereby losing many votes for the measure which they might otherwise have gained. A local option law has its objections, and smacks a little of New England fanaticism; but when the majority of the people of a county desire to try the experiment they should certainly be granted that privilege. Still this is no reason why the law should be saddled on counties where the majority do not want it. The temperance people should have considered that "half a loaf is better than no bread,' and accepted the bill with the amendments. After all, moral suasion, is a far more potent weapon in the hands of the temperance people than any number of prohibitory blue laws or any amount of scurrilous abuse of the "rum seller."

LITERARY NOTICES.

SCRIBNER FOR MARCH.—The paper in the March number of this magazine to which most readers will probably first turn is Noah Brook's "Personal Reminiscences of Lincoln." Mr. Brooks gives this month anecdotes of Lincoln with the army and at the theatre, etc., and conversations regarding public men and events—material which has never been in print before. Of a similar interest is the "Last Days of Edgar A. Poe," by Mrs. Susan Archer Weiss, who knew Poe intimately in Richmond, and here gives newly printed evidence that can hardly be omitted in making up an estimate of his character. Articles in the other departments are generally of greater length than usual.

ST. NICHOLAS for March combines almost every stirring interest of childhood and youth, and is full of activity, variety and cheeriness. The departments are full of attraction and suggestion; and the illustrations throughout are striking and appropriate.

A fire in Hot Springs, Arkansas, Tuesday morning, destroyed 250 buildings, among them three hotels, two banks, the postoffice, and the office of the *Daily Sentinel*. The loss is estimated at more than $200,000.

THE silver dollar, having had its day, the greenback, as was to be expected, comes to the front again. The bill which the banking and currency committee of the House has instructed its chairman to report is the most extensive and far-reaching scheme of currency tinkering yet proposed. It provides for the retirement of all the national bank notes and the substitution in their stead of bills of credit of the United States. The "general similitude" of these bills is to "conform as nearly as may be to that of the United States commonly known as legal-tender notes or greenbacks, in order to preserve the form and color for which the Western financiers have so great an affection, an affection not impaired by the temporary favor accorded to the grand white dollar of the fathers. But these new greenbacks are otherwise to be very different from the present notes. The latter are promises to pay; these are to be simply certificates of indebtedness. Instead of "the United States promise to pay the bearer one dollar," the new notes are to read: "The United States are indebted to the bearer in the sum of one dollar," and they are to represent neither gold nor bonds, nor even the dollar of the fathers, but simply "the credit of the country," or so much of it as may be left after the adjournment of the present Congress. The bill provides with much elaboration for getting the whole amount of these notes out—some three hundred and twenty millions—and for keeping them out, any possible contraction in the natural course of business being carefully guarded against. They are to be not only inconvertible but irredeemable, the effect of the bill being the permanent addition to circulation of a volume of irredeemable notes about equal to the present volume of legal tenders, and this quite independent of the silver dollars, also a legal tender, provided for in the bill which has passed the Senate. After the Buckner bill has passed it is altogether probable that some new scheme of cheap money will be introduced, and so on until money shall become as cheap as the most ardent financial reformer can desire—so cheap that a bushel of it can be bought for a bag of corn. And so we go.—*Philadelphia Times.*

Washington Letter.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 6, 1878.

The worst enemy of Mr. Hayes might almost be satisfied with the disappointments which he has had in the year just closed. First and greatest, the new party was a child which did not rise to the activity of a still birth. Matthews, made Senator by undignified intrigue, gave no strength to his inventor, and goes out of office by the unanimous wish of the people of Ohio, backed by the warm assent of citizens generally. Garfield, who was to be Speaker of the House, also by Presidential intrigue, was miserably defeated for that position, and can be returned to Congress only by a miraculous change in the people of his district. It is fair to suppose that Hayes, if he really ever had a conviction of any kind, believed that the civil service of the country ought to be reformed, and hoped to reform; yet by his own acts it has become demoralized to an extent that would make Grant shudder; it is, to use a common phrase, "demonetized," and nothing but an act of Congress can restore it to what it was a year ago. The only possibility of mischief that the Administration has escaped has been in our affairs with Mexico, and I do not believe that Hayes or his Secretary of State should receive credit for keeping us out of a war with that distracted country. I think that but for the efforts made by the press before, and at, and after the meeting of Congress in October, the Administration would have had to answer for that crowning infamy of all infamies—an unjust war against a weaker sister Republic.

Upon the whole, if we omit the removal of troops from the South, which every day shows more and more clearly to have been a condition precedent to his inauguration, we find that Mr. Hayes is entitled to little credit for services in the office he holds. Time alone can tell whether this comes from the weakness of the man, the peculiar condition of our politics at this time, or from the fact that goods improperly acquired never bring prosperity to the holder.

There is a good deal of amusement found in the fact that certain Senators were tipsy on the night the silver bill passed. It was an all night session. The *Post*, of yesterday, published what it called its list of Senators who were not the worse for liquor. The fun of this list is found in the fact it puts close together the names of Senators who never drink at all, and of Senators who are never sober. It is understood that a correct list of the inebriated ones would not take in any who come from east of the Penobscot river, or west of the Pacific Ocean.

The attention of Congress was called last Fall, in this correspondence, to the fact that Government was occupying many private buildings here at an enormous annual expense, and that most of the buildings were fire traps, invaluable records stored within them being more exposed to destruction than a business man would allow his property to be. An investigation of the subject is to be had, under a resolution yesterday introduced in the House. There can be but one result. Favoritism and fraud will be found, if the investigation is thorough, in connection with the renting of nearly every building. If a man has an unsalable and unrentable shanty, he can generally make the Government a tenant if he will pay some middle man a per centage.

The 1812 Pension bill passed the House yesterday, having previously passed the Senate. It gives $8 per month to all those who served fourteen days, or were engaged in a battle during the war of 1812, instead of sixty days as heretofore, and to widows of all those who have died. It restores to the Pension rolls those who were dropped in 1861 for disloyalty. In every section of the country there are persons who will receive benefits from this act. Gilmore & Co., of Washington, D. C., will furnish blanks for any desiring to apply.

The Moffett punch, which a Congressional committee is investigating with a view to its use in this District, is the simplest and least objectionable tax gatherer ever known. By its means tax paying becomes an easy and joyous thing. Every time that a citizen spends fifteen cents upon his own selfish appetite, he contributes two and a half cents to relieve property from its burdens. The worst part of a man is taxed for the general good, and it is done in such a way—the money appearing, for the moment, to be drawn from the bar-keeper and not from the real loser—that the more selfish a man is the more he enjoys his tax-paying. Except in Maine, and other States where there are prohibitory laws, and where, of course, no liquor is sold, we may begin to reduce public indebtedness. All that is needed is a Moffett punch. There will be a committee report of its adoption in this district.

SOLON.

GENERAL NEWS.

Winston Anderson, charged with attempting to feloniously assault a little girl, was taken from jail at Clarksville, Tenn., on Friday night and lynched by a mob.

The house of Moritz Kaiser, on the Mississippi river, fifteen miles below Waterloo, Illinois, was burned on Friday. Kaiser, his wife and six children perished in the building.

Local elections were held in many cities and towns of New York State, on Tuesday, with the usual varied results. In Elmira, the Greenbackers were successful; In Utica, the Working Men.

The new iron steamship City of Rio de Janeiro was launched from Roach's ship yard, at Chester, Pa., on Wednesday afternoon. She is of 3500 tons burthen, and will ply between New York and Rio de Janeiro.

Carnival celebrations took place on Tuesday, in New Orleans, Memphis, and several other cities of the South. There were the usual masking processions, and other fantastic fooleries. Business in New Orleans was almost entirely suspended.

A report has reached Rawlins, Wyoming, that the Ute Indians are becoming defiant, and "threaten to go on the war path when the grass comes." The people of the Bear River district are frightened and preparing places of safety for the women and children.

A resolution, on Monday, expressing the belief that Tilden and Hendricks were elected and ought to have been inaugurated President and Vice President of the United States, etc., was introduced in the California Assembly and laid on the table by a vote of 34 to 27.

In West Virginia, during the past two weeks, twenty-four arrests have been made for illicit distilling in the mountains, and the arrests continue. A raid just concluded in Floyd county, Ky., resulted in the capture of ten prisoners and destruction of eight distilleries.

A tornado in Casey county, Ky., on Saturday afternoon, demolished everything in a track four hundred feet wide, near the village of Rich Hill and Mount Olive. Six persons were killed and several others injured. Many horses and cattle were also killed. The loss is estimated at $50,000.

Local elections were held Tuesday in Maine. The Republicans carried Portland, Ellsworth and Saco; there was no choice in Rockland, Lewiston and Auburn, and in Bath, "Mr. Richardson," whose political complexion is not stated in the press dispatches, was chosen Mayor.

Seven hundred thousand dollars in silver, weighing nearly eighteen tons, will be received at the Treasury vaults, in Washington, from the mint in Philadelphia during the present month. The removal from the mint is to make room for the bullion from which the new dollars will be coined. It is believed that a new "silver vault" will be needed in the Treasury for the storage of the new coin.

Monday being the centennial anniversary of the birth of Robert Emmet, the Irish patriot, it was appropriately celebrated by the Irish-American citizens throughout the country. In Philadelphia a meeting was held in Independence Hall. In Baltimore, there was a meeting in the Academy of Music, at which Hon. William Pinkney Whyte presided, and Gen. J. R. O'Beirne, of New York, delivered an oration. In Washington, Representative Alfred M. Waddell, of North Carolina, delivered an address on the Life and Character of Emmet.

At Pottsville, Pa., on Monday, the Sheriff read their death sentence to the Molly Maguires, John Kehoe and Donnelly, who are to be hanged on the 18th proximo. The former was cool, but the latter seemed depressed. Kehoe, who was head of the Molly Maguires in Schuylkill county, was convicted last summer of having murdered F. W. S. Langdon, near Audenried, in 1862. Donnelly was convicted last fall of having been accessory to the murder of Thomas Sanger, at Raven Run, in 1875. Thomas Munley, the principal in this murder, was hanged in Pottsville last June.

MARRIED.

DEAKYNE—DENNY—March 5th, 1878, at the Presbyterian Parsonage, by the Rev. Dr. John Patton, Mr. Joseph B. Deakyne and Miss Fannie A. Denny.

DIED.

ELIASON—On the 7th instant, Mary Jane, wife of John D. Eliason, in the 59th year of her age.

CLEAVER—Wednesday evening March the 6th, Nataline Baynard, youngest daughter of Joseph and Josephine Cleaver, in the 14th year of her age.

The relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral from the residence of her father, Monday, March 11th, at 1 o'clock.

THE MARKETS.

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY ISAAC JONES, JR.

Wheat,	$1 25@1 30
Corn, yellow	45@46 cts
Corn, white	45@46 cts
Oats	30 cts
Timothy Seed	2 25
Clover "	7@7½ c ₱ lb

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY S. M. REYNOLDS & CO.

Eggs	12@12 cts. ₱ doz
Butter	@30cts ₱ lb
Lard	9@10 " "
Turkeys, dressed,	10@10 " "
Chickens, "	9@10 " "
Ducks, "	9@10 " "
Geese, "	9@ 8 " "

PHILADELPHIA MARKETS.

Prime red wheat	$1 30@1 31 ₱ bus
Corn,	48@54 ₱ bus
Oats (Delaware)	32@35 cts
Clover seed	07@08 ₱ lb
Timothy	1 20@1 45

BALTIMORE MARKETS

Wheat, good to amber	1 25@$1 31
Corn, white,	48@55
Corn, yellow	48@54
Oats, Southern, new,	33@37
Rye	60@63

Clover Seed for Sale.

I HAVE IN STORE 30 BUSHELS of Choice Clover Seed, which I will sell cheap.

GEO. M. D. HART,
Feb. 23, 1878.-4t Townsend, Del.

New Advertisements.

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A SIX ROOM DWELLING HOUSE, ON Lake Street, Middletown, Delaware. Rent reasonable to a good tenant.
(mar9-2t) Apply to J. M. COX & BRO.

MUTUAL LOAN.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Stockholders of the Mutual Loan Association of Middletown, Delaware, will be held on Tuesday, March 19th, 1878, at 7 o'clock, P. M., at which time the election of officers will take place.

A G COX,
mar 9-2t Sec'y.

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RECITAL!

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TUESDAY EVENING

MARCH 12th,

IN TOWN HALL,

Middletown, Del.,

Commencing at 8 o'clock. Doors open at 7 o'clock.

Admission, 35 cts. Children, 25 cts.

☞ Tickets for sale at the Post-office and the Stores. mar 9-1t

MUSIC AND MIRTH!

DAMON LODGE, No. 12, K. of P.,

TAKE GREAT PLEASURE IN ANNOUNcing to the people of Middletown and vicinity, that they have perfected arrangements for giving

A Grand Concert

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TOWN HALL,

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Tuesday Evening,

March 19th, 1878,

By a number of talented Ladies and Gentlemen from Philadelphia, comprising the following cabinet of Artists:

SOPRANO:
Miss Lena D. Wittkorn,
Miss Edith Chant,
Miss A. M. Erwin,
Miss Annie Deany.

TENOR:
Prof. T. J. McGinley,
Mr. Ellis Roberts,
Mr. Chas. A. Clark,
Mr. D. T. Sawyer,
Mr. Cass M. Jones, Jr.

CONTRALTO:
Miss Annie Warnock,
Miss Lizzie Howard.

BASS:
Mr. A. B. Collings,
Mr. Harry J. Long,
Mr. Joe T. Stiles.

PIANISTS:
Misses Wittkorn, Erwin and Deany,

Who will render a choice selection of Solos, Duos, Trios, Quartettes and Choruses, both sentimental and humorous. We have also engaged

Price's Orchestra,

of Middletown, Del., who will perform choice selections during the evening. We have endeavored to make this the

Entertainment of the Season.

Tickets, 35 cts. Reserved Seats, 50 cts.

Tickets for sale at the Post Office.

☞ For further particulars see bills and programmes. mar 9-2t

TRADE MARK.
'VIBRATOR'
Reg. March 31, 1874.

THE ORIGINAL & ONLY GENUINE
"Vibrator" Threshers,
WITH IMPROVED
MOUNTED HORSE POWERS,
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NO Revolving Shafts Inside the Separator. Entirely free from Beaters, Pickers, Riddles, and all such time-wasting and grain-wasting complications. Perfectly adapted to all Kinds and Conditions of Grain, Wet or Dry, Long or Short, Headed or Bound.

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OUR Unrivaled Steam Thresher Engines, with Valuable Improvements and Distinctive Features, far beyond any other make or kind.

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J. T. GEARS & CO.,
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MANUFACTURERS OF
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WE HAVE CONSTANTLY ON HAND PLOWS HARROWS and CULTIVATORS, and will make wagons to order in the very best manner.

Jobbing of all kinds, prompt, neat and cheap.

A full line of

CASTINGS ALWAYS ON HAND.

HORSE SHOEING.

On and after this date we will do plain shoeing at $1 Cash, or $1 25 credit. A slight advance on above prices for shoeing horses that interfere.

Having increased our facilities for manufacturing and jobbing, and having determined to turn out only good work, and at prices to suit the times. We respectfully solicit a share of the public patronage in our line.

Middletown, Del., March 9, 1878.-tf

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Sixth Annual Sale!

ON TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 1878,

WE WILL SELL AT THE HOTEL OF A. Maxwell, in Middletown, Delaware, beginning at 10 o'clock, A. M., about

20 GOOD HORSES AND COLTS,

Suited to the Road, Farm and Turf.

Among them will be the beautiful trotting mare "Daily Varden," and several other fast horses. One fine 5 year old "King Alfred" Colt, sired by "Hermes," one yearling Colt, sired by "Morgan Black Hawk," the sire of the celebrated trotting horse "Delaware," several good family horses, one ladies' handsome Vermont Saddle Pony. Also, the aforesaid "Morgan Black Hawk," who can now trot in 2.40, and is one of the best bred Stallions on the Peninsula, and one pair of heavy draught horses, five pairs of three year old unbroken

Kentucky Mules,

Two pairs of good broken Mules, one odd Mule, etc.

ABOUT 40 HEAD OF

CATTLE,

Consisting of several yokes of good Oxen, a number of fine Cows and Heifers—some fresh and some springing. One large sized Thoroughbred Alderney Cow, of No. 1 butter stock, and reckoned to be fresh by day of sale. Two Thoroughbred Alderney Bull Calves, of the best strain, etc. 1 Berkshire Sow—with pig; 3 Berkshire Sows—good stock. 3 Berkshire Boars. Also a lot of other shoats

Carriages, Buggies, etc.

ONE YORK WAGON, made by Dugan, in good order and but little used; one second-hand York Wagon, 1 no-top Buggy, 1 Family Carriage, etc., etc.

FARMING IMPLEMENTS.

One new Farm Wagon, one old do., two endless chain horse-powers, one Pennington Reaper, one new Farm Roller, besides other machinery and farm implements.

Conditions of Sale:—All sums of $20 and under, Cash; over that amount a credit of Seven Months will be given, by the purchaser giving a bankable note, with approved endorser. No goods to be removed until conditions are complied with.

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WM. P. ILK.
E. R. COCHRAN.

S. M. Enos, Auct'r. mar9-1t

☞ *Every Evening and Com.*, and *Daily Gazette*, copy March 9 & 11, and send bill to P. & C., Middletown, Del.

PUBLIC SALE!

WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC SALE, ON

Saturday, March, 23d, 1878,

at the hotel of George Whitfield, in the City of New Castle, County of New Castle, at 12 o'clock (noon), all that certain Plantation and Tract of Land situate in Vance's Neck, St. Georges Hundred, New Castle County and State of Delaware, lying on both sides of the Vance's Neck road, adjoining lands of Sarah A. Townsend, and others, land late of Samuel Segar, Appoquinimink Creek and Silver Run, containing 139 Acres of Land, more or less (more particularly described in a deed recorded at New Castle, in Book G., Vol. 10, page 488, made by Edgar Smith, and others, to Thomas M. Locke).

The improvements upon the above property consist of a brick and frame dwelling house, frame granary and corn cribs, frame stables and meat house. Also, a large tenant house—frame.

There is upon the farm a young peach orchard of about 3000 trees, apple orchard and other fruits. Also, about 15 acres of chestnut and white oak timber.

The sale will be subject to confirmation by the U. S. Court for the District of Philadelphia.

Terms will be made known upon the day of sale, or upon application to John H. Rodney, Attorney at Law, New Castle, Del.

(Signed) THOMAS M. LOCKE.
mar9-2t

PUBLIC SALE!

THE SUBSCRIBER, WILL SELL AT Public Sale, on his farm, situated in New Castle Hundred, on the School House Lane, one mile from Hare's Corner, on

Wednesday, March 13th, 1878,

at 1 o'clock, sharp, his surplus stock, to-wit:

No. 1—One Pair of Beautiful Black Matched Horses, show good style and splendid drivers, fast travelers, and can be driven by a lady, was awarded the first premium at the Middletown Fair last year.

No. 2—A first-class driving horse.

No. 3—One pony, very stylish, good driver and perfectly gentle.

No. 4—Two first-class work horses.

No. 5—One first-class brood mare, kind and gentle in all harness.

No. 5—One pony perfectly quiet to drive or ride.

About 30 Head of Cattle:

One Yoke of Oxen, good workers and fast walkers, One Pair of Grade Steers, 2 years old, partly broken; four 2 year old Grade Steers, four full bread Belted Yearling Bulls, 8 Grade Bulls, one and two years old, 6 Grade Heifers, one and two years old, 5 head of ordinary Cattle, 1 Buggy Wagon, 1 York Wagon and Pole, 1 Mill Dearborn, 2 sets of Harness, 3 dozen Chickens, and a quantity of hams and shoulders.

TERMS: All sums of $20 and under, Cash; all sums over that amount a credit of Six Months will be granted, by purchaser giving a bankable note with approved endorsor, or two per cent. off for cash.

W. T. STOOPS,
L. W. STIDHAM & SON, Auct'rs. mar2-2t

PUBLIC SALE!

THE HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS of David McKee, dec'd., will be sold at Public Sale, at his late residence, on East Main Street, opposite the M. E. Church, in Middletown, Del.,

Wednesday, March 13, 1878,

consisting of Bedsteads and Bedding, Carpets, Chairs, Tables, Stoves, Cooking Utensils and Kitchen Furniture of all kinds. Books, Pictures, etc.

Sale to commence at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Conditions of Sale:—All sums of $10 and under, Cash; on all sums over that amount a credit of Three Months will be given, by the purchaser giving his note, with approved endorsers, payable at the Citizens' National Bank of Middletown, Del.

E B. RICE, Agent.
S. M. Enos, Auctioneer. mar 2-2w

Mutual Loan Association.
(Sixth Series.)

BOOKS ARE NOW OPEN for subscriptions to the Sixth Series of Stock of the Mutual Loan Association of Middletown, Del. First payment due, Tuesday, March 19. Application can be made to the Secretary, either in person, or by letter.

A. G. COX,
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Miscellaneous Adv'ts.

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THE UNDERSIGNED HAS ON HAND and for sale a large and extra choice lot of

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This is the finest lot for size I have ever raised during the past ten years. They will run from

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The Public, and all our old patrons, to know that we now have on hand at

MAXWELL'S HOTEL,

a car load of very nice, smoothe

KENTUCKY MULES

Also, a number of

FINE HORSES,

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We will hold our Annual Sale on or about the 12th of March, and will sell without reserve a large lot of *Horses, Mules, Cows, Oxen, Heifers, Hogs, etc.*

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March 2-2t E. R. COCHRAN.

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SEAFORD

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Sept. 15-6m Middletown, Del.

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Stock for Sale!

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The building is a new one; large, convenient and well-fitted up. The stand is one of the best in the country and has an established trade. No other store within three miles. Satisfactory reasons given for selling. Possession given at any time. A comfortable dwelling within a few rods of the Store will be rented to the leaser of the store if desired. Apply or address

W. S. WAY,
jan5-tf Middletown, Del.

In the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware.
New Castle County.

In the matter of the Petition of Cornelia Lorton

AND now to-wit: This 23d day of February, A. D., 1878, it appearing to the Chancellor that on the Rule heretofore issued in the above case, against Hyland B. Pennington, one of the defendants in said Rule, the Sheriff has returned that he has not been found in this Bailiwick: It is Ordered by the Chancellor that the said Hyland B. Pennington be and appear before the Chancellor, at Chambers, at Dover, on or before the 23d day of March next, to show cause as in said Rule directed; or, that the said Rule be made absolute against him; and that publication be made in three successive issues of the *Middletown Transcript*, a newspaper published in New Castle County.

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feb16-tf

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For years we have made this peculiar branch of the Dry Goods business a favorite study, and the success of our **MAIL ORDER DEPARTMENT** is attested by the fact that an order is rarely filled without making a permanent customer of the person ordering. Every order, be it for a yard of muslin or a wedding trousseau, meets with the most careful and prompt attention.

SAMPLES of all kinds of **DRY GOODS, SILKS, DRESS GOODS, PRINTS, LINENS, FLANNELS, CLOTHS,** etc., with *widths* and *prices* correctly marked, promptly forwarded on application.

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A PLAIN BUSINESS STATEMENT

Which we are prepared to verify to all who may favor us with a call. We have just received

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The Largest and Best Stock of Collars

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And invite you to call and examine them, that you may be convinced that they are the best in this market. We have also the largest and most complete

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A. H. RUSSELL,
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A large and well selected line of Strictly pure and unadulterated Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, Perfumery and Toilet Articles always on hand and reduced in prices that defy competition. Patent and proprietary medicines are largely dealt in and being bought principally of the manufacturers in large quantities for cash, I can sell them by the dozen or half dozen at manufacturer's prices.

Physician's Prescriptions are made a Specialty,

and are compounded at all hours with care and despatch, and just as they are written never is an article substituted for anything I have not in stock, unless by the consent of the prescriber, nor is anything left out for the same reason.

Pure Wines and Liquors are kept for medicinal uses only, and everything usually kept by all first-class druggists, and many things that cannot be had at any other place can be had here.

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Being a graduate of Electropathy I still continue its practice, and during the eleven years which I have been using it have had wonderful success, as hundreds of persons treated by me will bear testimony.

I am also agent for Dr. Kidder's Galvanic Battery, and can furnish them at his retail prices in New York. Old Galvanic machines repaired and made as good as new, provided the coil is uninjured.

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July 14, 1877.—1y H. P. BAKER,
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SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 9, 1878.

Local Affairs.

Moving time draweth near.

And now the industrious farmer ploweth.

A light run of commercial drummers this week.

Now is the time to advertise your spring gimlets.

"Winter lingers in the lap of Spring."—*Exchange.* Naughty winter!

Wilmington Conference meets in Chestertown on the 13th inst. Chickens, beware!

Business is improving and our merchants are expecting and preparing for a brisk spring trade

Beautiful sunny days, the twitter and song of birds and the joyous chant of the melodious fish-horn all proclaim that Spring is come.

Ekton milk-men have succumbed to the force of their conscience and reduced the price of the lacteal fluid to six cents per quart. How is it in Middletown?

We notice with pleasure, that the side gutters of our streets are being cleaned in many places. Are the town Commissioners doing this, or is it private enterprise?

Thursday evening, this locality was visited by a thunder storm. There was considerable rain, accompanied by frequent flashes of vivid lightening and heavy thunder.

Sunday last, in Georgetown, Sussex county, Wm. Conway, a printer in the *Journal* office, attempted suicide by taking laudanum. Disappointment in love is said to be the cause of the rash act. Are women so scarce in Sussex?

Preston Hardcastle, the champion quail eater, has returned to London, Ohio, and is again installed in his old position in the mercantile house of Dakin & Cowling. The Delaware friends of Pres will miss him, but he is wedded to the west.

The Twentieth Anniversary of the M. E. Sunday School Missionary Society will be held in the M. E. Church, Monday evening, the 11th instant. Judging from the programme, the exercises on this occasion will be exceedingly interesting.

Work is progressing rapidly on all the new dwellings noticed in our last issue. Mr. R. H. Eliason's house will be ready for occupancy by the 25th instant, and then, Harry, we shall expect a slice of cake about the size of a flat-iron.

If any of our readers are in want of twine, netting, or fishing tackling of any kind, they shou d not fail to give their orders to Wm. E. Hooper & Sons, Baltimore, Md. They are prepared to furnish merchants and fishermen with goods in their line at prices to suit the times.

We learn that Miss Cole, who delighted our people with a musical and dramatic entertainment a few months since, proposes to give a similar entertainment in the Town Hall on the night of Easter Monday. The simple announcement of this fact will be sufficient to insure this talented young lady a large audience.

J. H. Rathborne, founder of the order of Knights of Pythias, delivered a lecture to an immense audience, at the Grand Opera House, Wilmington, Thursday evening last. A few members of the order from this town were present and speak in the highest terms of their treatment at the hands of the fraternity. After the lecture a banquet was served at the Armory of Uniform Division No. 1, K. of P.

We call the attention of our readers to the announcement in our advertising columns of Polk & Cochran's Sixth Annual Sale, at the hotel of A. Maxwell, Middletown, on Friday next. They will sell about twenty head of horses and colts, five pairs of three year old Kentucky mules and forty head of fine cattle, beside an extensive lot of farming implements This will be the largest annual sale that Polk & Cochran have yet had.

Notice of Mrs. Alden's proposed musical and literary entertainment, in the town Hall, on the 12th instant, will be found in another column. The musical portion of the programme will contain Piano and Vocal solos and duets, in which Miss Cole has kindly consented to appear. The recitations being both serious and humorous in character the audience will undoubtedly enjoy a bright and profitable evening's entertainment.

Damon Lodge, No. 12, K. of P., have arranged with a talanted concert troop of Philadelphia for a grand Musical entertainment in the Town Hall, on the 19th instant, which will probably be one of the richest musical treats offered our people during this season. The troop is composed of sixteen ladies and gentlemen, all of which are accomplished musicians and siugers. See advertisement in another column.

Mr. C. Watkins, the enterprising Odessa merchant, is, we learn, about to establish a steamboat line between our neighboring town and Philadelphia. The boat is now being constructed for Mr. Watkins, and will soon be completed and ready for her trial trip. This is a move in the right direction and the line will certainly be a great convenience to the people of our enterprizing sister town, and will no doubt receive a flattering amount of patronage both in the way of freight and passengers.

The Middletown Amateur Dramatic Association played to a very slim house at Chesapeake City, Monday night last. Thirty persons, only, relieved the monotony of empty benches, and if the members of the association could act under the "depressing influence" of so small an audience, they are made of good stuff. The cantankerous actions of some bad little boys, (such boys as only Chesapeake city can produce, and by the side of which the very *worst* boys of the *worst* quarter of the *worst* section of the United States are living representatives of human angels,) who had climbed upon the porch roof of the hall, served somewhat to draw the attention of the actors from the picturesqueness of the empty benches. The members of the association enacted the plays, "A kiss in the dark," and "Family Jars," in a very creditable manner, displaying in their several parts much dramatic taste and ability, and they certainly deserved better success. They speak in the highest terms of their treatment at the hands of mine host of the "Bayard House."

Town Election.

Our town election for Alderman, Treasurer, Assessor and five Commissioners to serve the interests of Middletown for the ensuing term, was held on Monday last, at the office of Esquire Naudain. Quite a number of candidates were in the field, and for several days previous to the day of election, tickets were being circulated and voters buttonholed, and some wag was uncharitable enough to suggest that one candidate was offering a half a ton of coal, and another a side of beef for each vote in their favor. The polls were opened on time, and, as the voters came forward to deposit their ballot, our town Treasurer gathered in the town taxes from those who were in arrears. One hundred and ten votes were cast this year against seventy in 1877, which, of course, shows the increase in our voting population. The following is the vote in detail.

ALDERMAN.

J. B. Naudain	110

ASSESSOR.

Charles E Anderson	108
G. W. Wilson	2

TREASURER.

W. A Comegys	50
Isaac Jones, Jr.	48
Scattering	12

COMMISSIONERS

Thomas Massey, Jr	106
Joseph Hanson	67
George Echenhofer	51
E. W. Lockwood	49
R. H. Eliason	45
John A. Reynolds	39
S. S well Holten	33
Thomas E Hurn	28
John W. Hayes	27
Joseph W. Geary, Jr	25
W. W. Wilson	24
A. H Russell	23
A. S. Penington	9
W. H. Moore	8
Scattering, (among eleven candidates)	14

Thomas Massey, Jr., Joseph Hanson, Geo. Echenhofer, E. W. Lockwood and R. H Eliason having received the highest number of votes for Commissioners, were declared elected. The board met on the following day and selected by lot, E. W. Lockwood and Joseph Hanson to serve for two years. At a meeting on Tuesday next, a President and Secretary will be selected.

Pigeon Match.

The Pigeon Shooting Match at Massey's Md., on Thursday, between Joseph Parsons of Middletown and A. Cruser of Crumpton, Md., for a purse of $50, resulted in the defeat of our champion. The score was as follows:

Cruser.	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	—7
Parsons,	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	—5

Another match was made up between Alex. Maxwell and Longman of St. Georges, for $10 and was won by Longman by a score of 3 to 1.

A third match between Cruser, Parsons and Longman, for $15, resulted in the following score:

Parsons	1	0	1	1	1	—4
Longman,	1	1	0	1	1	—4
Cruser,	1	1	0	0	0	—2

The affair wound up with a supper and the boys arrived home at a late hour.

Fruit Transportation.

[Correspondence between the committee appointed at the late Peach Meeting and Isaac Hinckley.]

J. B. Naudain, Secretary, by request of the committee appointed to confer with the Rilroad Officials on the question of freight, enclosed Mr. Hinckley a copy of the resolutions passed at the meeting on the 16th ult, and requested that he name a time when it would suit him to confer with the committee. Mr. Hinckley replied as follows:

PHILADELPHIA, February 21st, 1878.

J. B. Naudain, Esq, Secretary, &c, Middletown, Del:

DEAR SIR: I received yesterday, your letter of the 18th inst., asking me to name a day to meet a committee appointed by the Fruit Growers who met at Middletown, on the 16th instant.

I can meet them on a day's notice probably, any day this month excepting the 27th; but I should have as much notice as possible, as I am likely to be called to Washington. It would not be right for me, however, to allow the committee to take the trouble to come so far, under the impression that the Company is prepared to make at this time any plan in respect to moving fruit next summer and autumn. They should also be informed that even when the season of fruit traffic approaches more closely, this Company will not be able to fix any through rates, or make any through arrangements, excepting with the co-operation of connecting R R Companies. To myself, it seems premature to have any interview in respect to fruit traffic, but if the committee think differently, I will be ready to meet them.

Very Respectfully, ISAAC HINCKLEY, President.

[The Chairman's reply to Mr. Hinckley:]

MIDDLETOWN, February 26th, 1878.

Isaac Hinckley Esq, President P., W. & B. R. R. Company:

DEAR SIR: Your reply to the letter of the Secretary of the Peach Growers' Meeting," asking an interview on subject of freights between you and committee on freight charges, recived. In regard to the movement looking to an early arranging of the tariff of charges for fruit shipments being "premature," of course, from our section, it is obvious we think otherwise. However, you have virtually settled the question of an interview at this time. We now ask, that you will, as soon as convenient with prior duties, submit to us what will be the charge to Jersey City. The earlier this is done, the more convenient will it be to a large class of those we represent; especially so, if the tariff should be about last year's rates. The prospective crop should be large, as the last two years were partial failures, and with the depressed condition of the markets, now existing, it will require a material reduction in freight to justify shipping a great portion of the crop. The committee will hold themselves subject to whatever time you may appoint, either for a conference or to have your final answer. Respectfully,

H. A NOWLAND, Chairman.

[Mr. Hinckley's answer:]

PHILADELPHIA, February 28th, 1878

H. A. Nowland, Esq, Chairman of Committee on Freight Charges, Fruit Growers' Association, Middletown, Del.:

DEAR SIR: I have to-day, your letter of the 26th instant. I wrote the Secretary that "For myself it seems premature, &c., &c.," but I intimated plainly, that the Committee might think otherwise. I still think it would be premature to fix rates for a traffic which may never exist, and that neither this company, nor other companies would be ready to do so before they know something more as to what they will be called upon to do. Any time consumed in conferences before the usual time for fixing rates, might be entirely thrown away. If my memory serves me, we consumed much time in negotiations as to peach traffic in 1868, when the whole crop marketed by rail, amounted to 23 car loads. I think we should profit by that experience, but as I wrote to the Secretary, I will meet the Committee at their convenience, if at home at the time. Yours Truly,

ISAAC HINCKLEY, President.

Per G. K.

Sales to Take Place.

March 12th—Sixth Annual Sale by Polk & Cochran, of horses, cattle and farming implements, at Maxwell's Hotel, Middletown.

March 13th—Household goods of the late David McKee, by E. B. Rice, Agent, in Middletown.

March 13th—Stock, carriages and harness, by W. T. Stoops, in New Castle Hd., 1 mile from Hares' Corner.

March 14th—Stock, farming implements and household goods, by S. L Pratt, near Sudlersville, Queen Anne's county, Md.

March 23—Public Sale of a farm situate in Vance's Neck, by Thomas M. Locke.

Every day that a Cough, Cold, or any Lung disease is neglected, makes the chances of a cure more uncertain. We would recommend all suffering from any disease of the Lungs whatever, to use Hasson's Compound Syrup of Tar. It never fails in curing the worst cases. For Sale by Adkisson & Co., Middletown, Del.

New Advertisements.

Mrs. Alden's Reading and Musical Recital.

Grand Concert under auspices of Damon Lodge, K. of P.

Polk & Cochran's Sixth Annual Sale.

J. E. Tygert, Star Bone Phosphate.

J. T. Gears & Co., manufactures of farming implements, etc.

Mutual Loan, Annual meeting.

House for rent, by J. M. Cox & Bro.

A Voice from the Levels.

MR. EDITOR:—I see by your last issue that we are to have the pleasure of welcoming our old friend, Mr. R T. Lockwood, as a farmer once again. As a friend and competitor for the raising of fine stock he is doubly welcome. Competition is the Mother of Improvement: and as farmers south of Middletown (or more commonly designated Levels) are wide awake, energetic and practical men, Mr L. will have to *rise early* and keep his eyes wide open, or he will never be able to gain his former reputation—having been so liberal as to give the boys a four years' chance.

Conspicuous among the names of our farmers noted for their interest in the raising of superior stock is that of Mr R. A. Cochran, whose herd of short horn cattle is known to be one of the finest in New Castle county. I suppose there is not any one cow in his herd he would take less than one hundred, and for several not less than two hundred dollars. But, like all the good stock we have, they, or their ancestors were brought from the West by Mr. L P. McDowell. Mr. McDowell has certainly given the farmers a rare chance to improve their stock, and it only remains for them to embrace it; a word to the wise is sufficient. Mr R. L. Naudain is also improving his stock cattle by the introduction of the thoroughbred short horns among them. He has two very fine cows for which he would not take less than one hundred dollars each; one was lately purchased of R. A Cochran, jr. He was also influential in introducing the Berkshire swine in this part of the country, and he now has the finest lot of pigs that can be seen anywhere. I notice also, that his yard is stocked with thoroughbred chicks of the Partridge Cochin variety. What think you—will not Mr. L have to be up and doing to outstrip some of his many friends and neighbors?

SHORT HORN.

NEWARK ITEMS.

On Friday night of last week, Mr. W. H. Goodyear finished his course of lectures at the college oratory.

The M. E. Sunday School held their Missionary Anniversary on Thursday evening and gave a very fine entertainment.

Our town has again been visited by the bold robber. On Tuesday night, Mr. H. W. Zimmerman's tailoring establishment was entered, and goods to the amount of $60 are nowhere to be found. Wright and Son's office was then ransacked, but all valuables had been removed, and they had to content themselves with a box of matches and some tobacco. They opened the cushion of a chair and filled it with coal. In leaving they used the hand-car belongidg to the P. & D. C. Railroad. Our town is getting very much excited over these frequent robberies, and Wednesday night a watch was set in Mr. Wright's office. It is well for the thieves that Mr. Edwd. Zimmerman was not aroused for he was never known to miss anything at which he fired.

N. E. WARKER.

State News.

HARE'S CORNER HOTEL.—Billy Coble, of Philadelphia, has rented the Hare's Corner Hotel property, and will take possession in a few days.

THE "DOUGLASS HOUSE" at Rehoboth was sold by the Sheriff of Sussex county on Wednesday to Messrs. Manners Fisher & Co., of Seaford, for $1700, subject to a mortgage of $3200. It is understood that Mr. William C. Fountain will run the house another year.

THE STEAMBOAT ARIEL.—The Ariel, formerly owned by the Philadelphia & Chester Steamboat Company, which ran between Philadelphia and Bombay Hook, and at one time on the Philadelphia and Wilmington line, has been sold to W. P. Clyde & Co., to run between Norfolk and Richmond. Her place will be supplied by a propeller from Boston.

When Newark youths want to take a Sunday recreation, they don't disturb the devotions or the town, but they take their keg of beer out in the woods, where nobody can see or hear them, on the green sward, under the mighty oaks and amid the warbling birds and the music of the winds, they regale themselves, and in the shades of the evening return to their domiciles, and the affectionate parents wonder what churches hold long services.—*Ledger.*

SAD ACCIDENT.—In Baltimore hundred, Sussex county, last week, Mr. Ezekiel C. Williams was killed in a very singular manner. He was sitting at the counter of his store writing, little thinking of danger, and a pistol being near, exploded, sending a ball through his heart, killing him instantly. No one had hold of the weapon at the time of the explosion, and the supposition is that the pistol was left cocked, and that a jar caused it to fire. Mr. Williams was a highly respected citizen, and had, at the late session of the Levy Court, been appointed Trustee of the Poor from Baltimore hundred. The Coroner held an inquest over the body, and the verdict of the jury was, "accidental shooting."

WILMINGTON CONFERENCE.—The Conference meets at Chestertown, Md., on Wednesday, March 13th. The following list comprises the Anniversary exercises:

Education Society, Wednesday afternoon, March 13th, at 3 o'clock. F. A. Ellis, Esq, President. Speakers: Rev. J. M. Williams, A. M., and Rev. John E. Smith.

Ladies' and Pastors' Christian Union, Thursday afternoon, March 14th, at 3 o'clock. Rev. H. S. Colclazer, President. Speakers: Rev. H. S. Thompson and Rev. J. E. Mowbray.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Thursday evening, March 14th, at 7½ o'clock. Speakers: Bishop Foster, Rev. E. B. Newnam and Rev. W. L. S. Murray.

Church Extension, Friday afternoon, March 15th, at 3 o'clock. President, Rev A. W. Milby; Speakers: Rev. E. Stubbs, ——

Sunday School Union, Friday evening, March 15, at 7½ o'clock. Speakers: Rev. Dr. Vincent and Rev. R. W. Todd.

Temperance, Saturday evening, March 16th, at 7½ o'clock. Speakers: Rev. W. B. Walton, A. Stengle and G. W. Townsend.

Missionary Sermon, Monday afternoon, March 18th, at 3 o'clock: Rev. W. I. Bain. Alternate, A. W. Milby.

Missionary Anniversary, Monday Evening, March 18th, at 7½ o'clock. President, F. A. Ellis Esq. Speakers: Bev. Dr. Reid, Rev. R. H Adams.

Freedman's Aid Society, Tuesday afternoon, March 19th, at 3 o'clock. Speakers: Rev. Dr. Rust and Rev. Dr. Matlack.

Notices.—Memorial Service, Saturday afternoon, March 17, at 3 o'clock.

Prayer meeting every morning at 8 o'clock in the audience room.

Conference and general Love Feast, Sunday morning at 9 o'clock.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at a time during the session to be fixed by the presiding Bishop.

Adjacent charges desiring to have their pulpits filled on Sunday, March 17th, will notify Rev. W. H. Hutchin.

A lady in our neighborhood who had suffered for over three months the most extreme torture by a violent cough, has become completely cured by Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup. For sale in every drug store.

Croaking is not confined to the Frog Ponds. At this season almost everybody is hoarse. The bleating of distressed lungs is heard everywhere. Why is this, when Hale's Honey of Horehound and Tar will cure any cough, cold or hoarseness in 48 hours? Sold by all Druggists. Pike's Toothache Drops cure in 1 minute.

A GENTLE HINT.—In our style of climate, with its sudden changes of temperature—rain, wind and sunshine often intermingled in a single day,—it is no wonder that our children, friends and relatives are so frequently taken from us by neglected colds, half the deaths resulting directly from this cause. A bottle of Boschee's German Syrup kept about your home for immediate use will prevent serious sickness, a large doctor's bill, and perhaps death, by the use of three or four doses. For curing Consumption, Hemorrhages, Pneumonia, Severe Coughs, Croup or any disease of the Throat or Lungs, its success is simply wonderful, as your druggist will tell you. German Syrup is now sold in every town and village on this continent. Sample bottles for trial, 10c.; regular size, 75c.

A very rapid, safe and easy way to make money, is to procure territory to introduce the latest useful invention that is wanted every day, by every one, everywhere, who has a family—a full sized sewing machine, with table and treadle, for only Eighteen Dollars,

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Demand increasing every day where they become known. Ministers, judges, lawyers, editors, tailors, machinists, &c, recommend them as perfect. Rights given free to first applicants. If there is no agency in your place write for it or buy a machine for your family or a relative; there is none better or so cheap. Machines sent to all parts of the country, on receipt of price, $18. Read advertisement beginning

$18—SEWING MACHINE—$18.

Announcements of Candidates.

Candidates for office will be announced under this heading in the *Transcript*, until the nomination, for $5, invariably in advance.

For Coroner.

JOHN M. ENOS,
Of Wilmington Hundred.
Subject to the decision of the Democratic Party, of New Castle, in 1878.

FOR SHERIFF:

To the Electors of New Castle County:

FELLOW-CITIZENS—I offer myself to your consideration as a candidate for Sheriff, subject to the nomination of the Democratic party, pledging myself to support the successful nominee. JOHN PYLE.

FOR SHERIFF:

C. E. ANDERSON,
Of St Georges Hundred.
Subject to the nomination of the Democratic Party.

For Sheriff in 1878.

P. J. LYNCH,
OF ST GEORGES HUNDRED.
Subject to the nomination by the Democratic Party, and pledges himself to support the nominee.

Business Locals.

Fence Boards, cheaper than rails, much handsomer and as good. We have on hand, 23,000 feet, all 6 inches wide, 16 and 18 feet long; a nice article and selling it surprisingly low. Come and see it. G. E. HUKILL.

The best Cucumber Wood Pumps, "Blatchley's" celebrated makes, which stand unrivaled for quality. Trade marks B. and G. at G. E HUKILL'S.

All persons ought to plant trees and plant them early; nothing will pay better. A tree which will cost twenty-five cents to plant, will in a few years be worth one dollar a year at a low estimate; no investment can pay better. You can get them cheap at Middletown Nursery and Fruit Farm. Get them and plant them early.

Paints of all kinds, Dry and Ground in Oil, Varnishes Oils, &c.; also Lucas' Liquid Paint and Averill mixed Paint, old and tried, at G. E. HUKILL'S.

Forks, long and short handles, and all kinds of shovels, spades and rakes, cheapest in town, at G. E HUKILL'S.

Ladies' and Gents' Silk Handkerchiefs in great variety. Misses' and Children's regular made Hose in all the desirable colors. Ladies' Kid Gloves suitable for Christmas presents, at Geo. W. W. Naudain's Popular Corner.

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All persons owning any ground should have plenty of shade and fruit. You can get trees and plants cheap from E. R. COCHRAN.

Roof Paint ready mixed; a good paint at trifling cost. G. E. HUKILL.

Slate Mantles, all kinds and prices, at LINDLEY & KEMP'S.

Use "Lucas' Liquid Paint," the best ready mixed paint that is made. We guarantee satisfaction. G. E HUKILL.

50 Farm Gates for sale, well made and of the best material. Cheap for cash and very low in lots of several at one time. G. E. HUKILL,
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For Rent.

TWO DWELLINGS, with Stores attached on the North side of Main Street, Middletown Delaware. One of the Stores now used as a Bakery, and the other as a Millinery. Apply to C. J. SMITH.
February 23, 1878.-tf

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Public Vendue!

THE UNDERSIGNED, INTENDING TO quit farming, will sell at public auction on the farm in his occupancy, adjoining Sudlersville, Queen Anne's county, Md., on

Thursday, March 14th, 1878,

the following valuable personal property:

A comparatively new Drop Champion Wheat Reaper, a new Bickford & Hoffman Wheat Drill, used one season, an excellent Peach Wagon, with Tongue and Shafts; a Family Carriage; a No-top Buggy Wagon; a Basket Sleigh; a Farm Wagon and Harness; an assortment of Carriage and Farm Harness; a large assortment of Ploughs, Drags, Cultivators and Farming Implements and utensils generally; a lot of good Plank; a large lot of Meat.

A Fine Lot of Cattle:

2 thorough-bred imported Durham Milch Cows, 1 thorough-bred Durham Heifer, 4 Milch Cows, two-thirds Durham, all young.

A LOT OF HORSES.

Three, 4 years old, two, 6 years old, one, 10 years old, and a two year old colt, one mule, 10 years old.

Household & Kitchen Furniture

A large assortment consisting of Bureaus, Beds, Bedsteads, Bed Furniture, Chairs, House and Cook Stoves, Refrigerator and articles too numerous to mention.

Sale will commence at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Terms of Sale: All sums of $10 and under to be paid in cash. On sums above $10 a credit of six months will be given on note payable in bank, with interest added and with security approved. No property to be removed until terms of sale are complied with.

SAMUEL L. PRATT.
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JOB PRINTING
Of Every Description
NEATLY EXECUTED AT THIS OFFICE.

Dry Goods, Groceries, Etc.

NEW STORE
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New Goods
AT
M. L. HARDCASTLE'S
CHEAP CASH STORE.
Lockwood's Corner.

I would call the attention of the public in general to the large line of CHEAP GOODS which I have just received from the city, consisting of

Dry Goods, Notions,
Boots, Shoes,
Hats, Caps, Queensware, Hardware,
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Provisions,
Tobacco, Segars, Etc.

I will be pleased to have you call and examine my stock before purchasing elsewhere, as I am satisfied that I can offer great inducements.

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For Cash I Sell Very Cheap!

The cheapest line of

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for Men and Boys, Ladies and Children in Middletown. aug 18-tf

NOTICE!

THE UNDERSIGNED would give notice to the people of Middletown and surrounding country, of the

Great Reduction
now being made in
OVERCOATS.

We will not enumerate the different prices, as we have such a large stock to select from, and feeling assured you can be suited in quality and prices. Also,

A Large Stock of Suitings,
Selling at Greatly Reduced Prices.
Also, a large stock of
GENTS'
Furnishing Goods,
such as
COLLARS,
NECKTIES,
SUSPENDERS,
UNDER-CLOTHING,
SELLING AT CITY PRICES.
A Good White Laundried Shirt from 50 cents, up to $1 25.
Under-Shirt from 25 up to 75 cents.
Also, a Fine Selection of Hosiery for MEN AND WOMEN.

At the
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Successor to
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Opposite the R. R. Depot,
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DEALER IN ALL KINDS OF
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Constantly on hand.
—ALSO—
Lucas' Mixed Paint,
AND
AVERILL CHEMICAL PAINT,

"Blatchley's" Celebrated Cucumber Wood Pumps, and "Grafton" Cucumber Wood Pumps. These are the two best Cucumber Wood Pumps in the market.

I desire particularly to call special attention to Lucas' Mixed Paints." A very superior Paint—all colors. Large quantities sold and giving universal satisfaction. Manufactured by John Lucas & Co., one of the oldest and most reliable paint manufactures in Philadelphia. Satisfaction guaranteed. Send for color card and prices. We consider it superior to the well-known "Averill Paint."
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Monday Soap. In Manilla Wrappers, full pounds, long bars, warranted pure and unsurpassed for WASHING Clothes; retails at 8 cents

Monday Soap.

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Sold at retail by all Grocers, and at wholesale by REEVES, PARVIN & CO.,
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Choice Old Rye, Wheat and Bourbon
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We test carefully the goods we sell and guarantee to take back and return the money for such as are different from expectations.

The following four grades of Black Silks are fully recommended:

23 pieces 19-in. good weight Gro Grains 75c.
14 pieces full 20-in. heavy high lustre do $1 00
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Finer goods are placed on our counters equally cheap, but the above will be found exceptional lots that cannot be replaced.

One case bold style, black ground with white stripes 53c
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41 pieces neat Checks and Stripes, in colors of great variety 61c
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47 pieces entirely New Patterns and the latest Paris Novelty 74c
52 pieces full 21-inches Solid Color Gro Grain Silk $1 00
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Black Cashmeres, imported with great care, especially for retailing. Great pains have been taken to secure best color and undoubted qualities. A large stock of every grade, ranging from 50 cents to $1 50.

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Black Merinoes, celebrated makes, at 65 cts to $1 50.

Alpacas and Pure Mohair Lustres, good weight and super color, the best ever offered for 25, 31 and 37 cents.

Black Bunting at 25 and 31c.
French Black do. at 37½c.

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☞ This is one of the best collections ever offered!

Bouretts, several styles 6½c
One case Striped Suitings, in beautiful Spring Shades, 10c; a bargain.
One case Small Checks 12½c
One case Colored Alpacas 12½c
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KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

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Passenger trains going North leave at 7.54 11.07 a m and 3 36 p m; going South at 10.40 a m, 2.23 and 7.38 p m.

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WILL LEAVE Second Wharf above Race Street Philadelphia, for

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Every TUESDAY and FRIDAY, at 1 P M arriving at Port Penn, about 4, and Collin's Beach, about 4 30 P M.

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TUESDAY, Feb. 26th	MONDAY, Feb. 25th
FRIDAY, March 1st	THURSDAY, " 28th
FRIDAY, " 8th	MONDAY, March 4th
TUESDAY, " 12th	THURSDAY, " 7th
FRIDAY, " 15th	THURSDAY, " 14th
FRIDAY, " 22d	MONDAY, " 18th
TUESDAY, " 26th	THURSDAY, " 21st
FRIDAY, " 29th	MONDAY, " 25th
	THURSDAY, " 28th
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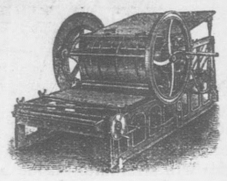

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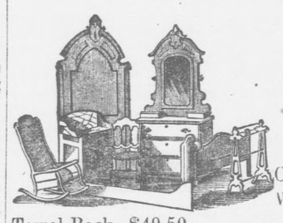

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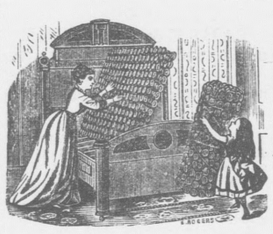

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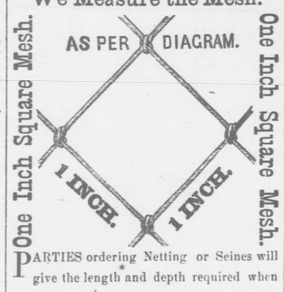

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AMERICAN SPORTS.—Some of the most novel and entertaining of these papers are yet to appear, the scenes of which will be in the West, the Middle States, the South, New England and Canada.
OUT-OF-DOOR PAPERS,—by John Burroughs, author of "Wake Robin," etc, will contain not only articles on Birds, but on "Tramping Out," "Camping Out," and kindred topics.
THE SADDLE HORSE.—Col. George E. Waring, with whose excellent work of various sorts our readers are familiar, contributes two illustrated articles on the horse. He treats especially of saddle horses and their use for pleasure and for sport, including road riding, fox hunting and racing. The nature of the English thoroughbred and that of his Eastern progenitor (the Arabian) are fully considered in relation to these uses.
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Given under the hand and Seal of Office of the Register aforesaid, at New Castle, in New Castle county, aforesaid, the day and year above written.
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Address—Mt. Pleasant, Del. [feb23] Adm'r.

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8 00	5 15	11 45	Philadelphia	10 05	1 45	6 55
9 30	6 30	1 12	Wilmington	8 50	12 10	4 45
9 38			Del. Junction	8 43		
9 50	6 48	1 3	New Castle	8 32	11 50	4 24
9 52	6 50		State Road	8 24	11 42	4 13
10 01	6 59		Bear	8 21	11 39	4 10
10 04	7 02		Rodney	8